



MAYOR LANE VINDICATED

Mrs. Waymire and Radding Guilty.

WAS VICTIM OF A PLOT

Their Acquittal Would Have Been a Serious Blow to Dr. Lane Politically.

JURY OUT A SHORT TIME

They Conspired to Blacken the Character of Mayor Harry Lane by Having Him Discovered in a Compromising Position With Mrs. Waymire.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Belle Waymire and E. E. Radding were tonight found guilty of conspiring to blacken the character of Mayor Harry Lane by having him discovered in a compromising position with Mrs. Waymire.

The case has been under trial for the past week and has attracted a great deal of attention. The interest centered in the anomalous position of Mayor Lane, who, though the complaining witness, was in the opinion of the general public, undergoing trial rather than Mrs. Waymire and Radding, and their acquittal would have been a serious blow to him politically not to mention the more important fact that it would have cast a serious aspersation on his integrity as a physician. The jury was out only a short time, and this is taken generally to mean that they entertained no doubts that the Mayor had been the intended victim of a plot against his good name.

TRANSPORTATION RATES.

Problems for the Interstate Commerce Commission to Unravel.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—There is a difference of 35 cents a hundred weight to lumber shippers of the Middle West between hauling a carload of lumber from Los Angeles to Missouri river points and hauling the same car, refilled with lumber, from the Missouri river to Los Angeles.

This difference was considered yesterday by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the complaint of the national Hardwood Mfrs. Association against all the Pacific Coast and Middle West Railroads.

G. W. Luce, general freight agent of the Southern Pacific, and C. G. Burnham, assistant to the first vice-president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, were the chief witnesses for the railroads. Both maintained that there is no necessity for a lower western rate because the coast competition is inconsequential and that the low eastern rate is made because the eastbound traffic is much heavier when the westbound shipments of other commodities than lumber eliminates empty car movement westward. The hearing will be continued next week.

Commissioners Prouty and Harlan yesterday heard testimony in the complaint of 16 creameries of Nebraska and Kansas against four railroads and five express companies charging illegal combination to raise rates. In August 1907, the rates on shipments of creamery products were raised. The railroads and express companies claim added cost of labor and operating expenses necessitated the increase.

THIS IN LOS ANGELES.

Thirteen Inch Snake Comes Through The City Water Main.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—Attracted by the cries for help of a woman boarder in his boarding house, the proprietor rushed into the room to find a snake darting around in a basin of water just drawn from the faucet.

The reptile, which measures exactly thirteen inches, had come through the faucet when the woman went to draw water. It is of a brown color, and exceedingly vivacious.

OPPOSED TO RACING LAWS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—The state racing commission in its annual report handed down in the legislature last night opposition to any change in the racing laws as recommended by Governor Hughes in his annual message. Speaking of the pending of the Agnew-Hart bills the report says:

"In our opinion the enactment of present proposed amendments would seriously damage to racing and would probably terminate it in a short time."

DRUG HOUSE FAILS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—The Stallman & Fulton Company, importers of drugs, with branches in Chicago and London, has made an assignment to Charles G. Dobbs. The business is an old one, having been established more than 40 years. No statement of the assets and liabilities can be obtained but it is estimated that the liabilities are between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

CRIMINAL LIBEL

Owner and Managing Editor of Bulletin on Trial.

ASSERTING A CONSPIRACY

W. S. Tevis, President of the Bay City Water Company and a Very Rich Man Was Asserted to Have Conspired With Schmitz and Ruef.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Rapid progress was made today in the trial of R. A. Crothers, owner, and Fremont Older, managing editor of the Bulletin on a charge of criminally libelling W. S. Tevis, president of the Bay Cities Water Company in asserting he conspired to sell with Schmitz and Ruef, the Bay Cities Water Company to the city for \$10,000,000. Tevis is one of the richest men in the state.

When court adjourned tonight eight jurors had been accepted and sworn in.

SHOT THE WRONG PRIEST.

DENVER, Feb. 25.—The Post today prints what purports to be a statement from Giuseppe Alio, alias Guaranaccio, alias Angelo Gabrielle, from which it appears that Father Leo was not the priest whom he intended to murder, but was mistaken by him for a young Italian priest who had been condemned to death by a band of anarchists which had been exiled from Italy. When told by the interpreter that the priest he had killed was German and had never been in Sicily and that there was no scar on his forehead, Alio burst into paroxysm of grief. After it passed he calmly said, "If I killed the wrong man, I am very sorry, but I will take the consequences like a man."

GOVERNOR TO RESIGN.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—Governor Jos. K. Toole, of Montana, arrived in Los Angeles yesterday from Helena. Governor Toole announced shortly after his arrival, that, owing to ill health he had determined to resign and that his resignation will take effect April 1.

MAGAZINE ARTICLE

H. Reuterdaahl's Charges Against Navy.

ARE ABSOLUTELY FALSE

So Say Rear Admirals Converse and Capps When Examined By Senate Committee.

GAVE WRONG IMPRESSIONS

At the Conclusion of an Extended Refutation of Converse, Perkins Stated That the Apologies of the Committee Were Due the Officers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Two experts in naval construction, rear-Admiral Converse and Rear-Admiral Capps were examined by the Senate committee of naval affairs today in the investigation of charges made against the navy by Henry Reuterdaahl in a recent magazine article. At the conclusion of an extended refutation by Converse, it was stated by Perkins that the apologies of the committee were due the officers for having called them to answer such articles as this.

"That is true," said Hale, "but it is written in such a vein that a layman could not understand how absurd the charges are. It attracted the attention of the whole country and he had to investigate."

Martin, Perkins and Gallinger laughingly suggested that Reuterdaahl who is now on the Pacific fleet, having secured permission to accompany it before the article was printed, should be set off the fleet, if a convenient barren island could be found in the Pacific Ocean.

A development of principal interest was that two of the charges made by Reuterdaahl were in language similar to that used by Lieutenant-Commander Simms and Hill in articles which they prepared and submitted to the secretary of the navy at his request. Converse disclaimed any intention of indicating that these officers or their articles had inspired Reuterdaahl's attack, nevertheless these officers are to be called before the committee in the near future. Taking up Reuterdaahl article, Converse stated that of the charges contained therein that some of them were "Very unimportant" some of them so "Stated as to give wrong impressions" and some to be absolutely false.

In reply to a question from Gallinger, Reuterdaahl was described as an artist who had been employed by the navy department for a time designing prize gun trophies, and it was stated in that connection he had been with the battleships in action on several occasions. The admiral said he undoubtedly had had an opportunity of seeing and conversing with the officers. He said that Reuterdaahl had no education as a naval man.

STOLE \$17,000.

BENTON, Ill., Feb. 25.—Ransom A. Youngblood, until six weeks ago president of the Coal Belt National Bank of Benton and the Salem Bank of Salem, Ark., pleaded guilty yesterday before the circuit court of embezzlement of \$17,000 of the funds of the Coal Belt Bank and was immediately sentenced and taken to the Chester penitentiary to serve an indeterminate sentence of from one to 14 years.

REQUEST REFUSED.

Slavonians in Juneau Ask Priest to Refuse to Bury Non-Union Miner.

SEATTLE, Feb. 25.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Juneau, Alaska, says yesterday, when a priest attempted to say mass for a non-union Slavonian miner, who died yesterday, he found the church door locked and a mob of 200 union Slavonians requested that he refuse to bury the non-union man. The priest declined and the miners in turn refused to permit the dead miner's body to be taken into the church. The crowd attempted to stop the hearse by holding the horses' bridles and dragged several men from the funeral procession. The marshal attempted to restore order and for a time was powerless. The crowd followed the remains to the cemetery and made another disturbance. Order was finally restored. No one was injured.

COMPANIES ACCUSED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The government's charges against the five express companies accused of issuing express franks and shipping property in interstate commerce free of charge will be heard today in the U. S. circuit court. The suits are in the form of petitions for injunctions restraining the companies from further alleged violation of the interstate commerce laws. The defendants in the suits are: National Express Company, American Express Company, Wells Fargo Express Company, United States Express Company, and Adams Express Company.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The Seven Hours Allowed for Debate Expire Today.

ARMY BILL WAS DEBATED

If Furnished an Opportunity for a Free Expression of Opinion on the Issues of the Day—Hayes of California Denounced Financial System.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—A general debate on the army appropriation bill in the House today again furnished an opportunity for a free expression of opinion on the issues of the day. Garrett of Tennessee and Hau of North Carolina arraigned the Republican party for its politics with regard to the tariff, while Hayes of California denounced the financial system of the United States as "patch work" and the Aldrich bill as "falling far short of remedial legislation needed." The only remarks pertinent to the army bill were made by Parker, who spoke in favor of a proposition to increase the pay for officers and men, and Kusterman in support of the restoration of the canteen. The seven hours allowed for the debate on the bill will expire tomorrow when the measure will be read for amendments.

ANTI-SALOON FORCES.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—The anti-saloon forces won an apparently decisive victory yesterday when municipal Judge Heap ruled that the Sunday closing law applies to Chicago and that juries in the saloon cases have no authority to pass on that point. In his opinion the jury is to decide merely whether a saloon-keeper kept his place open in violation of the Sunday closing law. The opinion is destined to have a far-reaching effect on the Sunday closing crusade. Hitherto the saloon men have admitted the selling of liquor on Sunday but have escaped conviction on the successful plea that the Sunday closing law is void in Chicago. Judge Heap ruled that counsel for the defense would not be permitted to present this argument to the jury in a case now pending.

NETWORK OF ELECTRICS

To Radiate From the Metropolis.

ST. HELENS-TILLAMOOK

The Total Mileage Will Be Over 150 Miles and Will Cost \$6,000,000.

McMINNVILLE AND SALEM

The Work Will Commence as Soon as Arrangements for an Entrance Into the City from the North Can be Arranged With the City Council.

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—Plans which contemplate building a network of electric railroads in the lower Willamette Valley and as far west as the Pacific Coast were made public today by the United Railroads. Lines have been mapped out which will reach St. Helens on the north, Tillamook on the west and McMinnville and Salem on the south. The total mileage will exceed 150 miles and the cost will be about \$6,000,000. The work will commence as soon as arrangements for an entrance into the city from the north can be arranged with the council. The United Railways already has an electric line built along Front street through the business section of the city from the Northern Pacific yards to the Jefferson-street depot.

HEART TO HEART TALK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Governor Hughes had a heart to heart talk with 300 members of the City Club, whose guest he was at dinner tonight. Breaking through his usual reserve, the governor touched on his relation to the state and his words which were delivered with an impressive solemnity evoked most cordial applause and a response that amounted to a personal tribute. In the course of his address the governor stated that he was a party man and a party governor but has no sympathy with the ideas that parties depend for their success upon the blind following of any leadership. He said that another of his beliefs is in the honesty and discrimination of the electorate. He added that you cannot have a good government at the top unless you have it at the bottom.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Falling 70 feet over the cliff in Morningside Park, Harlem, yesterday, J. S. Dragoon, 17 years old, struck the sidewalk below and was instantly killed. Young Dorgan, with others boys was engaged in a snowball battle on top of the old Revolutionary Blockhouse, known as Fort Horn which abuts on the edge of the cliff. Running close to the ledge he slipped and went over. The boy's father, Jos. Drgan, was immediately notified and carried the body of his son to his home two blocks distant.

GOV. FOLK ON GAMBLING.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Attacking the race track gambling as a prolific breeder of crime, and supporting the efforts being made to stop this form of gambling, Gov. Folk, of Missouri, aroused the civic forum at Carnegie Hall tonight.

WILL NOT "DOWN."

Shooting Affray at Brownsville by 25th Infantry in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—That the shooting affray at Brownsville, Texas, August 12-14, 1906 was done by some of the negro soldiers of the 25th United States infantry and that testimony which was taken by the senate committee on military affairs fails to identify the guilty persons is the opinion of eight members of the committee. Four members of the committee voted against this decision and one member did not vote. The resolution declaring the guilt of the negroes was submitted by Senator Lodge and was adopted after five resolutions by Senator Foraker, one by Senator Dupont and one by Senator Scott, all offered as substitutes and all declaring the innocence of the accused negroes, had been voted down.

The fight will be carried on to the floor of the senate. The report of the committee will not be made for ten days owing to the absence of senator Warner. The Ohio senator proposes to introduce a resolution to restore to the military service such of dishonorably discharged negroes as were beyond a reasonable doubt innocent of any connection with the affray.

TRACING BANK ROBBERS.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—John McCoori, formerly chauffeur for a prominent Salt Lake man, has been interrogated in this city by Pinkerton detectives in regard to the robbery reported a few weeks ago by the Utah National Bank of Salt Lake. It is said that another person wanted as a witness has been located in this city.

SPOKE THREE HOURS

Owen Makes Speech on the Aldrich Bill.

THE CURRENCY LEGISLATION

Received Close Attention and Was Frequently Interrupted by Applause Indian Appropriation Bill Received Considerable Attention.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The currency legislation was the chief topic in the Senate today. For nearly three hours Owen spoke on the Aldrich bill, claiming he had through Senator Jones in 1900, proposed legislation somewhat similar to the bill under consideration but with essential differences which he declared would have prevented the recent panic had it been enacted into a law. Owen received close attention and was frequently interrupted by applause. The Indian appropriation bill received consideration in the Senate during a part of the day. Teller declared that the Indian bill had been put through in haste loaded down with legislation that should never have been enacted.

"I have determined so far as I am concerned," said he, "That what little effort I can make will be to rectify the wrongs we have committed toward these Indians."

A general discussion followed. Curtis who boasts of Indian blood and who is a member of the committee, said he was particularly proud of the bill now before the Senate and was sure no better measure for the Indians had ever been passed by Congress.

MARRIED A COUNT.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Alice Ney Wetherbee, daughter of Gardiner Wetherbee, of New York, and Count Rudolph Festetics de Tolna of Paris were married yesterday at the American Church. The witnesses for the bride were Col. Bailey Blanchard, C. Lander Weyden, the bridegroom's witnesses were Prince Windischgraetz, Col. de Kan and Baron Puttlingon.